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NOTIFICATION

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No. 3/1/63-Pub.II.—The President has learnt with deep regret the death on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 13th February, 1963, of Shri Balwant Nagesh Datar, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Born on August 13, 1894, at Tasgaon, Satara, Shri Datar attained distinction at an early age as an educationist and advocate. He was closely associated with the Universities of Bombay and Karnatak as member of the Senate and Faculty of Arts and Law. He was a member of the first Lok Sabha and was appointed Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs in 1952. He became a Minister of State in the same Ministry in 1955. He was re-elected to the Lok Sabha in 1957 and again in 1962. On both occasions, he was re-appointed as Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs in which capacity he continued to serve till the end.

As a Minister, Shri Datar showed great devotion to work and served the country unremittingly. His genial personality and courteous manners endeared him to all who came in contact with him. He was keenly interested in the uplift of the backward classes, and scheduled castes and tribes. His sudden death is a great loss to the country.

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